# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL AND MINES
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CHROME ORE MINES IN ORISSA
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) the total recoverable reserves of chrome ore in Orissa, location-wise;

(b) the amount of concession granted to the private as well as public sector companies who have been given mining lease of chrome ore in that State; and

(c) the manner in which the State Governments or the people are benefited from these chrome ore mines?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES ( SUSHREE UMA BHARTI )

(a): As per information obtained from the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) a subordinate officeunder Department of Mines, recoverable reserves of chrome ore district-wise in Orissa as on 1.4.2000 are as under:-

(Unit in `000 tonnes)

| District Name | Total |
|---|---|
| Balasore | 2.6 |
| Cuttack | 43047.38 |
| Dhenkanal | 659.79 |
| Jajpur | 45477.48 |
| Keonjhar | 4843.92 |

(b): As per information available with IBM,as on 31.3.2001, 11 mining leases were in existence in public sector and 12 in private sector in Orissa in respect of chrome ore.

( c ): The State Governmentreceive revenue in terms of royalty on chromite produced in the State. As per information available with IBM, State Government of Orissa have received an amount of Rs. 40 crores and Rs. 32 crores as royalty on chromiteduring the years 2000-01 and 2001-2002 respectively. Besides, chromite mining also provides direct employment to the local people. As per information available with IBM chromite mining provided average daily employment to 6122 persons in 2000-2001 and 5883 persons in 2001-2002 respectively.